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Arab ministers prolong meeting
AMMAN, July 9 (JT) — Arab foreign and economy ministers tonight extended their extraordinary session of the Arab Economic and Social Council still undecided about preferential oil prices for non-oil-producing states. By late Wednesday night, the ministers were still hammering out details of political issues to be placed on the agenda of the Arab summit here in November. But they had agreed on an Arab economic strategy that is "similar" to the plan proposed by Iraq, conference sources said. The ministers separated Wednesday morning into two working committees, one of foreign ministers to discuss political issues and the other of economy ministers to formulate an Arab economic strategy. The economic plan agreed on by the committee contains no reference to oil, a delegate told the Jordan Times by telephone from the sealed Holiday Inn. Facing a deadlock in the political committee, the oil question was put to an emergency session of the plenary conference, where debate was continuing late tonight.

Jordan rebuffed Anderson visit, newspaper says

WASHINGTON, July 9 (Agencies) — U.S. independent presidential candidate John Anderson cancelled a planned visit to Jordan when His Majesty King Hussein refused to meet him. Anderson's aides would say only that the independent presidential hopeful cancelled his plans to visit Jordan, and would not say why. Mr. Anderson's 12-day foreign tour, his first as a presidential candidate, was to take him to five countries, and Jordan was not on his original schedule.
Jerusalem Post quoted informed U.S. officials in Washington as saying King Hussein objected to an interview Mr. Anderson would give to the newspaper in which he said he would not differentiate between East and West Jerusalem.
Anderson was to tour East Jerusalem with an Israeli escort and the planned guided trip would depart from previous days' tour. U.S. officials who would enter the walled city in East Jerusalem only to visit its religious shrines. The United States does not recognise Israel's claim to East Jerusalem, occupied in the 1967 war.
Anderson also toured Wednesday what Israel boasts is the Jewish holy site in the West Bank, to study the problems Israel faces in completing its evacuation of the Sinai Peninsula. Anderson's trip to the West Bank was a rare glimpse of the top-secret Etzion Airbase south of the Israeli port city of Be'er Sheva, within striking distance of targets in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt. Cameras were not permitted on the base. Radar equipment was bristled from surrounding hills alongside artillery pieces and anti-aircraft guns.
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85 new West Bank settlements in secret Israeli plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 9 (R) — Israeli planners have drawn up a confidential programme to increase the Jewish presence in the occupied West Bank by establishing 85 new settlements there within the next five years, sources in the World Zionist Organisation said today.

The plan was drawn up by Mr. Matiyahu Drobless, co-chairman of the organisation's settlement department which is responsible for setting up new Jewish outposts in occupied Arab territories. It was presented to the Israeli Cabinet in March.
It estimates that by the end of 1985 the Jewish population of the West Bank will have increased from today's 14,000 to between 120,000 and 150,000.

An earlier Drobless settlement plan, as reported in the Jordan Times last December 30, envisioned quadrupling the Jewish population on the West Bank to 59,000 Jews by 1983 by adding 29 settlements. But the plan revealed today extends to 1985 and is much more ambitious.
Mr. Drobless's latest document, which was shown to a Reuters correspondent, sets out with the aid of a detailed map exactly where each of the settlements will be established, and whether they will be rural or urban settlements. It also charts a new road network which will be built to link the settlements.
Prime Minister Menachem Begin, whose government has established 27 settlements in the West Bank since coming to power in 1977, has said that Israel will build only 10 more settlements there. He said in newspaper interviews this was all that was required.

But a source close to Mr. Drobless said today that he saw no contradiction between Mr. Drobless's plan and the prime minister's statement.
"Mr. Begin also spoke about the need to widen and thicken settlements. We build our settlements in clusters and obviously all of the existing clusters will be strengthened by adding new settlements to them. This is what we mean when we talk about thickening settlements," he said.
Today's settlement revelations come three days after it was reported that a large Jewish settlement is planned for northern Jerusalem on land now largely in private Arab hands.
Mr. Drobless's plan calls for a new Israeli initiative to "create facts on the ground" in the light of negotiations on Palestinian autonomy between Israel, Egypt and the United States. The talks, to be resumed next week after a two-month break, have made almost no progress in more than a year.
"We are now forced to run a race against time in the light of the autonomy negotiations," Mr. Drobless writes in his blueprint. "Now is the time for a determined and wide-ranging settlement initiative. It is important to stress, especially through deeds, that autonomy does not and shall not apply to the land but only to the Arab population."
He goes on: "This must find expression first and foremost by the creation of facts on the land. We must settle the areas between and around Arab population concentrations. By the side of each existing settlement, new settlements must be founded to create homogeneous blocs. They will be linked and, as they develop, there could be specific cases of settlements merging."
Of the 85 settlements proposed in the plan, two are to be urban settlements which will eventually grow into large towns. They are Elkana "B" and Karmel Shomron "C" both to be situated alongside existing settlements. All the rest are rural settlements.
Israel has already founded several urban developments in the West Bank. These include its two biggest settlements, Kiryat Arba just outside Hebron, and Ariel, a few kilometres southwest of Nablus. Kiryat Arba now has a population of about 3,500 and Ariel 2,000, according to official estimates.
A focus of Mr. Drobless's plan is Nablus, the largest town in the West Bank with a population of 60,000. At the moment, only one Jewish settlement, Elon Moreh, has been established near the town.
Mr. Drobless's plan calls for 15 more to be set up, ringing Nablus with Jewish settlements.
An important strategic theme of the blueprint is control of main roads in the area. Mr. Drobless calls for two clusters of settlements to be built near the highway between Nablus and Ramallah, grouped around the existing Jewish outposts of Shilo and Beit El near the main road.
The main road westwards from Nablus to Kalkilya will have two more clusters and the southern

highway from Jerusalem to Hebron will be guarded by the existing Etzion Bloc, to which Mr. Drobless's plan adds four new settlements.
Three new clusters, to the east, south and west of Hebron will add 18 new settlements to the southern sector of the West Bank.
The Arab towns of Jenin and Jericho also will be ringed by new settlement blocs.
The source close to Mr. Drobless said the cabinet had not voted on the plan and would not discuss it. "Each individual settlement has to be approved by a ministerial committee and in cases of controversy the cabinet will decide," he said.

But we have made a good start. The government has approved the first seven already and work is beginning on them," he added.
Mr. Drobless presented his last blueprint to the cabinet in October 1978. It, too, was not discussed but the settlement department has followed it closely in the last two years.
Mr. Drobless is a hardline member of Mr. Begin's Herut Party. His main ally in the cabinet has been the extreme right-wing Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon.
It is not clear how much Israel intends to spend on its West Bank settlements. The official figure of the settlement budget for this year, given by the finance ministry, is 600 million shekels (\$12 million), one and a half per cent of the state budget.
But Mr. Raanan Weitz, Mr. Drobless's co-chairman in the settlement department, charged today that the figure may be twice as much.
Mr. Weitz, of the opposition Labour Party, opposes Mr. Drobless's policy of settling Jews near large Arab towns but admits he is powerless to change it.
"They are spending much more than this budget," he said.

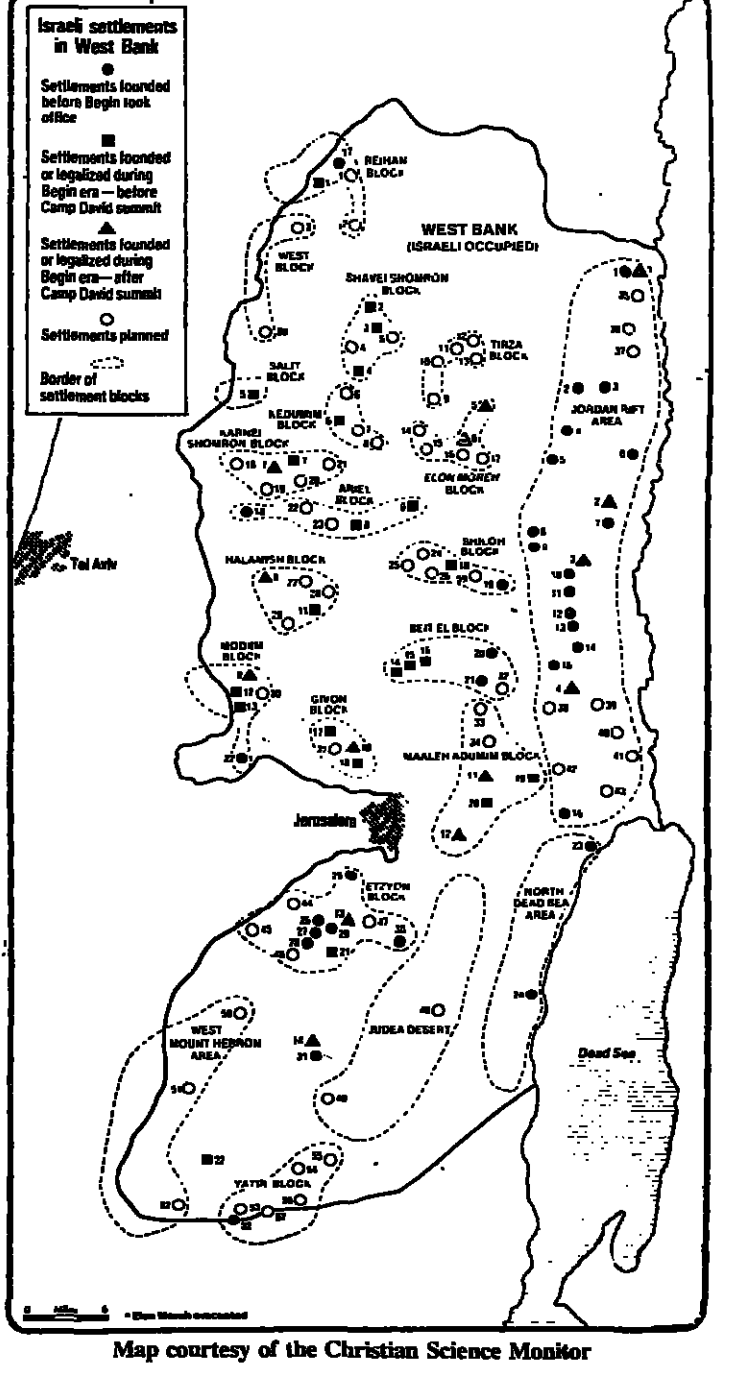


Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a is helped from an ambulance at the King Hussein Bridge Wednesday morning, on his way back to a triumphant return to Nablus. See page 2. (Photo by Yousef Al Allam)

Lebanese rightists seal victory by annexing rival

BEIRUT, July 9 (AP) — Lebanon's rightist National Liberal Party (NLP) has agreed to a takeover of its militia by the rival Falangist Party after losing a two-day series of battles with the Falangists in which at least 75 persons were killed and more than 100 injured.
An official NLP statement, read on privately owned radio stations in Beirut and published in the independent newspaper An Nahar, said NLP chief Mr. Camille Chamoun ordered his "Tigers" militiamen to turn over their political offices and arms depots to the Falangists to "avert further bloodshed."
The victory left the Falange in near total control of the 800-square mile Mount Lebanon enclave, which many of the nation's 1.5 million Christians view as an autonomous homeland.
It remained to be seen, however, whether the Falangist takeover and the newly emerged military strongman — 29-year-old Mr. Bashir Gemayel would be accepted by the entire nation of three million, which is equally divided between Christians and Muslims.
"What happened was a first step to unifying the Lebanese Christian forces and creating a national police force," a spokesman told reporters at an impromptu news conference in Falangist headquarters.
"This is a step which had to be taken to demilitarise the political parties and to depoliticise the militias," said the spokesman, who declined to be identified by name.
He said the NLP militia, headed by Mr. Camille Chamoun's son Dany, had become "disorganised" and corrupt, using mercenaries and

allowing its members to traffic in drugs. As a political party, the NLP would be allowed to remain, he added.
The elder Chamoun and Mr. Gemayel's father, Pierre, who is the head of the political branch of the Falangists, held a second day of meetings and reached agreement on merging all Christian militias, the Falangist-controlled "Voice of Lebanon" radio reported.
Minor Christian militias joining the new national home guard would be the Cedar Guards, the Tanzim (order) and the Maronite League, the spokesman said.
Together, the Falange spokesman told reporters, the Christian forces could field an army of 40,000 men "in times of emergency."
He added "no military action is planned" against the main Christian force remaining outside the new united alignment, the Marada Brigade of former President Suleiman Franjeh. The two militias clashed in northern Lebanon earlier this week.
Also outside the Falangist sphere of influence are the approximately 3,000 fighters of former Army Major Saad Haddad who controls a six-mile-deep strip along the 59-mile Israeli border.
Mr. Chamoun's talk with the Falangists was seen as an attempt to salvage the remaining influence of the NLP after the fighting.
The loss of three private Mediterranean harbours north of Beirut, through which arms shipments were funnelled, was the most telling blow for the "Tigers" and likely to prevent an immediate comeback, observers said.



Map courtesy of the Christian Science Monitor

-15 dispute sours S.-Saudi relations

WASHINGTON, July 9 (R) — The United States was embroiled in a dispute with Saudi Arabia today after Riyadh's ambassador to the U.S. Congress for trying to block the sale of advanced F-15 jet fighters being sold to the kingdom.
The letter was drafted by two prominent Senate advisers of Saudi Arabia, Henry Jackson of Washington State and Jacob Javits of New York.
Saudi Arabia's defence minister, Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz, announced the congressional letter today. "Our reply to this is that the kingdom will never ask for a weapon and be refused," Prince Sultan said in the speech, which was reported by the Saudi press agency.
The kingdom has such power through God, and through its spiritual, economic, geographical and social position that it can present a request and be refused," Prince Sultan said.
Saudi Arabia spends a third of its budget on defence, allocating 47 per cent (\$14 billion) to it last year.
While a leading Soviet expert on the Middle East said today Saudi Arabia was disillusioned with the United States and suggested it was ripe to open diplomatic relations between Riyadh and Moscow, Ignor Belyayev said in an article in the weekly Literary Digest.
The internal and foreign policy situation in Saudi Arabia is not a trace remains of the former confidence that special relations with the United States were a panacea for all ills.
A Saudi prince, as saying privately that the U.S. "is more than a giant with feet of clay," and asserted that some of the ruling family thought it was time to renew diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.
Saudi Arabia has had no diplomatic relations with Riyadh since the

Iraq's Hamadi does not anticipate war with Iran

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, July 9 — Iraqi Foreign Minister Sa'doun Hamadi has declared that he does not rule out a deterioration of Iraq's relations with Iran, although he does not expect the outbreak of war between the two countries.
Mr. Hamadi said that Shatt Al Arab — the river formed by the Tigris and Euphrates on the Iraq-Iran border — and its Arab islands are the main reasons for Iraq's differences with Tehran. He said Iraq seeks to keep the Gulf free from both the Soviet and American spheres of influence, although there is joint Gulf action to deal with the question of Gulf security.
In an interview with Al Ra'i correspondent Badr Abdul Haq, Mr. Hamadi, who is in Amman for the meetings of the Arab Economic and Social Council, said the deterioration of Iraq's relations with Iran was due to reasons which had nothing to do Iraq. He said Iraq did not make any territorial



Sa'doun Hamadi

claims on Iran or occupy any part of Iranian territory.
"Furthermore," he said, "we in Iraq do not attempt to export our revolution to others. We also do not interfere in the affairs of others, while the Iranian regime is taking an opposite stand in this respect. It is occupying the three Arab islands, Greater and Lesser Tunbs and Abu Musa. Furthermore, the Iranian regime seeks regional expansion at the expense of its Arab neighbours and is trying to export its revolution abroad and make it a model for the rest of the Islamic countries to follow suit. The Iranian regime is using this as a pretext to interfere in the internal affairs of all the Gulf states."
Mr. Hamadi said the issue of Shatt Al Arab had not yet been decided. "Shatt Al Arab belongs to Iraq and it must remain so. The Algiers agreement on Shatt Al Arab took place under special circumstances which are no longer valid. Consequently, it is no longer possible to bargain over Iraq's ownership of the whole of Shatt Al Arab."
"The Iranian regime is the same as the Shah's regime in essence, though different in form. We do not expect the outbreak of war with Iran. Nevertheless, we cannot rule out the possibility that

relations with Iran might reach a more dangerous phase. Generally speaking, it is difficult to predict future developments involving Iranian-Iraqi relations."
Asked about the Iraqi position regarding dangers posed to the Gulf, Mr. Hamadi said: "In dealing with this question, we take into account two facts: that the protection of the Gulf is the responsibility of its littoral states, and that we are working to keep the area free of the spheres of influence of the Soviet Union and the United States. But it is regrettable that Soviet influence has entered the area through South Yemen and U.S. influence through Oman. We are doing our best to make the Gulf states capable of adopting a serious and genuine non-aligned position."
"The form of the regime in any Arab country does not concern us because this is an internal matter which we cannot allow ourselves to interfere in. Furthermore, the establishment of normal relations

between any Gulf states and any big or small power is not our business, provided that these relations are equitable and not a prelude to imposing foreign domination," Mr. Hamadi said.
Under the patronage of
H.E. the Minister of Culture and Youth
The Culture and Arts Department
will organise
the exhibition of Painter Omar Hamdan.
The exhibit will be open from 6:00 p.m. on Thursday July 10, 1980 until July 17, 1980 at the art hall at the Ministry of Culture and Youth-Shmeisani.
Free entry.

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Shak'a returns home in triumph Martyred hero to Palestinians, focal point of concern to Israel

NABLUS, July 9 (Agencies) -- Nablus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, crippled for life by an Israeli attack, returned home in triumph today as a martyred hero

Thousands of jubilant Palestinians sang and danced in the streets of Nablus to give a tumultuous welcome home to Mr. Shak'a, who lost both his legs in the car bomb attack on June 2. Town leaders sacrificed five sheep and sprinkled their blood over the roof of Mr. Shak'a's ambulance as it reached the entrance of the city.

Mr. Shak'a was returning home after five weeks of treatment in the King Hussein Medical Centre in Amman.

Frenzied crowds showered him with flowers and chanted, "Bassam, Bassam, we will die for you, Bassam, Bassam, with blood and fire we will free our homeland."

Mr. Shak'a declared that he would resume leadership of the West Bankers against Israel's 13-year-old military occupation.

"Our holy national unity is stronger than all their systems of oppression," he said. "They tried to kill me and arrest me but our living will must emerge victorious. I have come home to build and lead my people."

Mr. Shak'a lost his legs in one of three bomb attacks on the same day in which Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalil also lost a leg. The attacks were widely blamed on Jewish extremists.

The Israeli military authorities closed Nablus to outsiders today and only reporters were allowed in. Other West Bank mayors were banned from taking part in the celebrations.

Mr. Shak'a is regarded by the West Bank Arabs as their most charismatic leader. The Israeli authorities tried to deport him last November but after a protracted legal battle were forced to back down.

He told reporters today he would be back behind his desk on Sunday morning. "I feel very good and I am very very happy to return to my city, to my family and to my homeland."

Israeli soldiers were in evidence on the streets of Nablus. They tried to restrain the crowd from blocking the path of Mr. Shak'a's ambulance but were forced back by the pressure of the huge numbers.

The town has decked with flowers and placards and banners were hung from almost every building. Most reiterated the two themes of the people's love for Mr. Shak'a and their determination to follow his lead in the struggle against the Israeli occupation.

The town's women organised another welcoming committee outside Mr. Shak'a's house and shouted slogans in support of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), banned in Israel and the occupied territories as a hostile organisation.

"It's a hero's welcome," said Deputy Mayor Zafir Al Masri. "The people are prepared to welcome him peacefully."

Mr. Masri said Israeli troops nearly sealed off the city and prevented Palestinians from other towns from going to Nablus to greet Mr. Shak'a.

By controlling the size of Mr. Shak'a's homecoming, Israel apparently was intent on preventing the Palestinians from using the occasion to stage an outburst of opposition to Israeli rule in the region.

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The prime minister, Dr. Qasem Al Rimawi, also visited the mayor of Nablus before his departure for the West Bank.

Before his departure, Mr. Shak'a sent a cable to His Majesty King Hussein expressing his deep gratitude for the care and hospitality accorded to him during his stay at Al Hussein Medical Centre. He said he will be carrying home the feelings of pride in Jordan's leadership and people.



The prime minister, Dr. Qasem Al Rimawi, visiting Nablus Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a, at the King Hussein Medical Centre just before the West Bank leader's departure to his home town after a five-week treatment.

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Mr. Shak'a is wheeled to a waiting ambulance provided by the Red Cross of Al B Nablus mayor to his hometown by the Red Cross of Al B

Minister of State Hassan Ibrahim (left), the mayor's wife and friends and family members accompany Mr. Shak'a on his the King Hussein Medical Centre.

The mayor of Nablus waves goodbye to well-wishers at Hussein bridge.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Archaeology field trip

Dr. Thomas Parker, assistant professor in ancient history at North Carolina State University and director of the Central Limes Arabicus Project, will guide Friday, an archaeological field trip to Lajjun, where he is excavating. Lajjun is located halfway between Qataneh and Karak. Meeting point is the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre at 8 a.m.

Books and photographs exhibition

An exhibition of pictures and books depicting the life of Muslims in the Soviet Union is being held at the Soviet Cultural Centre. The six-day exhibition was organised by the University of Jordan, in cooperation with the Centre. The books on display deal with economic, social, educational and religious aspects of the life of Muslim people in various Soviet republics. The exhibition is open at the centre, near Third Circle in Jabal Amman, during office hours.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In memoriam

Sir:

The political vacuum created by the sad and sudden death of the late Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf will evidently reflect itself within various walks of life in Jordan for many years to come.

The calibre and integrity of the late premier had always been thought of as the cornerstone for starting the ambitious programme of social reforms on which the Jordanian people pinned their hopes as he formed his first government last December.

He was a distinguished statesman and probably had one of the richest experiences among his Arab counterparts in both national and international politics.

His well-famed sincerity, his capacity for hard work and his perseverance had also been focal points in looking at him admiringly, and in entrusting him with the great responsibility he had been shouldering for His Majesty the King and for his people.

Only few, however, could imagine the enormity of the task he would inevitably have to burden himself with, and whose implementation impeccably got underway the moment he took office. Most probably he had a clear idea of where the starting point would be and a clear vision of where his programme of social reforms would lead.

The tremendous obstacles to carrying out such an ambitious programme were undoubtedly showing on each side of the road he was taking, but he expected that right from the beginning and nothing was going to stop the march... for King, government and country wanted it and had already embarked on the road to see it through.

Sadly enough, measurable results were not to be noticed immediately, and he must have agonised over the extraneous factors and circumstances hindering the programme's flow process and affecting the morale and determination of its principal components.

What is even sadder in this respect was the sluggishness, almost immobility, which characterised the forces he counted on to get the message across loud and clear to the country and thus assure its quintessential understanding and full support.

Regardless of what the man could or could not achieve in six months, he died fighting for his King and country on all fronts, bravely and stoutly, and his departure will be deeply felt by every citizen fighting for his country on any front.

What the man stood for will never, never die, and the spirit with which he hoisted the flag will forever remain high.

The ubiquitous smile of Abdul Hamid Sharaf will always be missed by the masses who loved and believed in him.

Amman
July 8, 1980

George Hawatmeh

Note of thanks to Alia

Dear Sir,

As a British subject living and working in Amman, I would be very grateful if through your newspaper, you would bring to the public attention my deep gratitude to Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, without whose help, my wife would almost certainly have died.

On Wednesday May 15, 1980, my wife was admitted to Al Khalidi Maternity Hospital thirty-six weeks pregnant, and in a certain

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Jericho Arabs fear loss of their land to the Israelis

NOTE: The following is reprinted from The Post.

Jonathan Randal

WA AL TAHTA.

West Bank -- Palestinian owners and tenant in this West Bank town

Israeli occupation will take over their land. The last sizable Arab

holdings in the West Bank of the Jordan Valley

last year, occupation officials destroyed, damaged or removed tenant farmer

an ever greater area of the Valley, according to

farmers.

The last 10 days, residents of an Arab-speaking

settling himself only as a spread anxiety by telling

they all must leave. The farmers, most of whom

in the cooler hills to the north, are the Palestinians

their land cannot be cultivated during the fall

growing seasons.

A Palestinian woman stood in the three large red crosses

David had made on the other war-damaged stone

told of his June 20 visit: pointed in both directions

ered me to tell everyone was going to be destroyed

in prison.

Palestinians' concern has been heightened by their

probability to get answers from occupation authorities

knowledge of what has happened here since Israel

the West Bank and the strip in the 1967 war.

Walid Masri, secretary of the Valley Irrigation

whose membership of about 250 landowners

100 tenant farmers, listed as places of meetings

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farmers showed up. Men for the Israeli occupation

authorities questioned the Arabs' charges this

had not replied or commented.

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interviewed here -- exception of Mr. Masri --

noted by name.

July 3, Mr. Masri said, he 80 kilometres from his

in Nabulus to keep an appointment in Jericho with the

military governor, Lt. Col. Moshe Dana. When he arrived, he was told by an assistant that the governor had been called away on "urgent business."

"I was very upset," Mr. Masri said, "but I will not give up. Why did the governor not tell us he could not meet us rather than making us come here all the way for nothing?"

Such incidents have bred a climate of suspicion that the recent Israeli get-tough policy in the occupied territories had done little to allay.

Like many other West Bank residents, the farmers here are convinced that the radical Jewish settlers enjoy greater influence with the occupation authorities since the May 25 resignation of then-defence minister Ezer Weizman. The defence ministry is in charge of the occupied territories.

"We hear that the settlers nearby were frightened about staying" after the May 2 attack on the settlement in Hebron in which six Jewish settlers were killed, Mr. Masri said. "Maybe the settlers brought the army in to move the lodgings without consulting headquarters."

Even without their fears of the Gush Emunim extremist settlers, the farmers feel they have ample reasons to be suspicious of Israeli motives.

Three Arab villages in the Fara Valley -- Ajluneh, Saterieh and Makhrour -- were razed in the summer of 1967 by the Israelis, displacing 40,000 Palestinians.

The Israelis set up their own agricultural settlements and a large army camp nearby.

Last fall, occupation officials invoked "security reasons" -- a catchall explanation Palestinians say the Israelis often cite to justify their actions -- to force all tenant farmers to remove makeshift lodgings from west of the Jordan Valley's main north-south road running from Beer Shean to Jericho.

Then at the end of May, and without any warning, according to Mr. Masri, occupation authorities arrived in trucks, damaged or destroyed about 50 lodgings and ordered others removed further west to an area between the north-south road and another road leading northwest to Nabulus.

At stake are 4,250 acres of some of the most fertile land in the Middle East, capable of producing two crops of vegetables and a third of alfalfa or corn, Mr. Masri said.

The Israelis already have taken over 50 per cent of all Jordan Valley farm land or 70 per cent if the land around Jericho is excluded, according to farm specialists.

"It's a natural hothouse and the springwater feeding the land is without a trace of salinity," Mr. Masri said. He estimated that the net return for both landowners and tenant farmers amounted to \$17,000 for the average 12.5-acre plot. "Every Israeli who comes

here says the land here is golden," he added.

Unlike farm land taken over by the Israelis since 1967 in the occupied territories, the Fara Valley land is held by its Palestinian owners in clear title deeds. As a result, they fear that the Israelis are trying other schemes to get them to leave the land.

The farmers say their fears were reinforced last year when the occupation authorities turned down an American-backed study for modernising the irrigation pipe system. The \$3 million project, backed by the American Near East Refugee Agency, would have added 2,000 acres of irrigated land and provided work for 3,000 Palestinians.

A tenant farmer who declined to give his name wiped the sweat from his brow, adjusted his head-dress and said:

"If the Israelis take the land away, I will put my whole family on the paved road and let the Israelis run us over."

Grabbing his six-year-old son by the hair to underline his determination, the 55-year-old farmer recounted how the Israelis had kicked him out of his native village near Hebron in 1948 and then razed the nearby village of Ajluneh in 1967. But he had remained when others had fled.

"If they take the land," he said, "there's no longer any reason to go on living."

Prince Hassan, Waldheim discuss Middle East peace

TUNIS, July 9 (Agencies) -- His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, currently on a four-day private visit to Tunisia, received here today United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for a review of developments in the Middle East and U.N. efforts to achieve peace in the region.

Prince Hassan also received the Tunisian minister of education, Mr. Mohammad Farah Ben Chazli. They discussed ways of bolstering Jordanian-Tunisian cooperation in the educational fields.

Yesterday, Prince Hassan met with Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammad Mzali for bilateral talks concerning culture and the economy.

After the session, the Prince said that the Arab peoples needed to reach an "identity of views and hopes... to successfully guide a common action in current difficult conditions."

"The Arab Nation must face the challenge of liquidation and occupation," Prince Hassan said.

The meeting was attended by Tunisian Foreign Minister Hassan Belkhouja and Jordanian Ambassador to Tunisia Sami Shamayleh.

Prince Hassan is in Tunis at the invitation of the United Nations to speak before the conference of the United Nations development programme (UNDP).

Hussein to open Islamic meeting

AMMAN, July 9 (J1) -- His Majesty King Hussein will open here on Friday the extraordinary Islamic foreign ministers conference, an official announcement said today.

During the two-day conference, participants from 42 Islamic nations, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and a number of Islamic organisations will discuss the situation in the occupied Arab territories in general and in Jerusalem in particular.



Jordan's delegation to the conference will be led by the foreign minister, Mr. Marwan Al Qasbi, and will include also the minister of state Mr. Hassan Ibrahim and the minister of Waqf and Islamic affairs, Mr. Kamel Shari, as well as several officials.

The conference was called by the PLO following the assassination attempts on the mayors of Nabulus, Ramallah and Al Ghaz.

Arriving here today for the conference was the deputy secretary general of the Islamic Conference Organisation, Mr. Qasbi Al Zuhair, and a delegation of several officials.

Cabinet approves loans, development agreement

AMMAN, July 9 (J1) -- The cabinet today approved an agreement with the Luxembourg-based European Investment Bank granting Jordan a loan totalling four million European units of account (nearly \$4 million). The money will be used to finance projects by the Jordan Electricity Authority.

The cabinet also approved a \$21 million World Bank loan which will help finance a project for the development of urban regions in Jordan. This includes improving the standard of 4,000 housing units in the quarters of Jofa, Wadi Al Haddadeh, Al Nadif and Um Al Rimaun in Amman, and the construction of 5,000 housing units in Ruseifeh, Marka and Al Quweiseh around the capital.

At today's session the cabinet also approved an agreement with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) aimed at the development of health services in Jordan.

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WHO regional office transfer to be brought to Hague court

AMMAN, July 9 (J1) -- A move to transfer the regional office of the World Health Organisation (WHO) from Alexandria, Egypt, to Amman will be presented to the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Minister of Health Dr. Zuhair Malhas announced today.

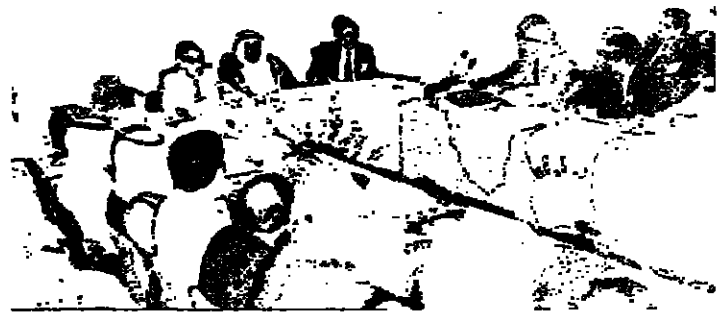
He said that health ministers representing the East Mediterranean countries, who started a four-day conference here today, agreed to send a team of legal advisers to the world court to press the case.

Opening the conference, Dr. Malhas said the main item on the agenda was the transfer of the regional office to Amman. Egypt's participation in regional activity has been suspended following its peace treaty with Israel in March 1978.

Dr. Malhas said Jordan has already responded to a request to provide the building which would house the office.

At the outset of the conference, the participants elected Dr. Malhas as chairman and the Pakistani delegate as his deputy.

Representatives from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and all the Arab states, except Egypt, are attending the conference. Turkey and Cyprus have said they will not be able to attend.



Minister of Health Dr. Zuhair Malhas opening the conference of health ministers of the East Mediterranean countries in Amman Wednesday.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	5,742	9,000	8,900	8,950
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	103	18,520	18,500	18,500
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	190	25,000	25,000	25,000
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	3,280	2,000	1,950	1,980
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	700	2,190	2,190	2,190
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	5,878	1,520	1,510	1,510
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	50	3,750	3,750	3,750
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	904	1,870	1,800	1,800
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	835	1,220	1,220	1,220
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	1,523	3,120	3,040	3,120
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	220	5,450	5,350	5,450
Al Ladhair Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	100	2,180	2,180	2,180
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	88	1,450	1,450	1,450
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 2,000	1,000	1,270	1,270	1,270
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	7,565	1,800	1,800	1,800
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	300	120,000	120,000	120,000
General Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	250	1,630	1,630	1,630
Arab International Insurance Co.	JD 10,000	10	11,840	11,840	11,840
Al-Shar Press and Publications	JD 1,000	300	0,960	0,960	0,960
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	2,500	1,450	1,450	1,450
International Construction and Investments	JD 1,000	1,100	0,960	0,950	0,960
Arab Chemical Detergents Co.	JD 1,000	6,250	2,600	2,550	2,600
Jordan District Electricity	JD 1,000	255	1,070	1,060	1,070
National Steel Industry	JD 1,000	6,500	2,110	2,080	2,090

Total Volume Traded on Wednesday, July 9, 1980: JD 150,516

Total number of shares traded: 44,452

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	23	38
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Economic News Briefs

Morocco looks to tourism for the year 2000

RABAT, July 9 (INPA)—Morocco has drawn up a five-year plan for tourism but is now looking at holiday trade possibilities for the year 2000. The national tourism committee believes that the country could receive up to 20 million tourists annually by the end of the century. To do this, however, Morocco would have to increase the number of beds available by about 10,000 a year and to train the necessary hotel staff, up to 5,000 annually.

Minister of state for tourism Mr. Moulay Ahmad Alaoui said the general attitude to tourism would have to be improved. Moroccan would have to stop looking at the tourist as someone simply to make money out of. The tourism sector also had to be "liberalised" to offer the best possible welcome.

He said that if Morocco's objectives were realised, the country's foreign exchange earnings could increase.

S. Arabia revalues riyal against dollar

BAHRAIN, July 9 (R)—Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporting country, has revalued its riyal against the U.S. dollar, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency said yesterday. The agency, the country's central bank, adjusted the riyal to 3.32 to one dollar from 3.33 set on March '73.

Bankers said the move followed weakness of the dollar on the foreign exchange market.

UAE doubts success of energy saving moves

TOKYO, July 9 (R)—The world faces a real shortage of oil and gas supplies by 1982, and the situation will be even worse by 1985, the United Arab Emirates' minister of petroleum and mineral resources, said here yesterday.

The Minister, Dr. Mana Said Al Oteiba, said in a lecture the current glut in world oil supplies was temporary and would last only until the middle of winter this year. He said oil glut was the result of a rush last year by consumers to stockpile reserves, which, he said, now stood at between 90 and 120 days.

Dr. Oteiba noted that the Iranian shortfall in production was a factor in tight supplies last year and that oil production by Iran is now below one million barrels a day.

He called on Western countries to join with Middle East producers to help stabilise the Middle East and to ensure more stable oil supplies.

He also said much more effort should be spent on increasing the recovery factor of fields to make them more productive. OPEC countries could not continue to produce at the present rate with new discoveries of oil and gas fields lagging behind the consumption rate.

Dr. Oteiba said there are also some doubts about whether Western nations would succeed fully in their energy conservation measures. He said oil resources must be left for future generations and OPEC countries should therefore only sell what oil is required by the market and not oversupply it.

He noted that while higher oil prices were making marginal oil fields more financially attractive, producers, were reluctant to convert oil or gas into cash in view of the decline of the dollar and the freezing of Iranian assets in the U.S. by the Carter administration.

Brazil's inflation rate reaches 99.2%

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 9 (R)—Inflation in Brazil reached 99.2 percent in the 12 months to the end of June, up from 94.7 percent in the year to the end of May, figures from the Getulio Vargas Foundation show.

The foundation is an independent institute responsible for monitoring the Brazilian economy.

Kuwait awards \$15m contract to Nippon

TOKYO, July 9 (R)—The Kuwaiti ministry of communications has awarded a 3.9 million Kuwaiti dinar (\$15 million) contract to build a ground station for international satellite telecommunication network to Nippon Electric Company (NEC) of Japan, the Japanese firm said yesterday.

The contract also includes repair work for the earth station NEC completed in Kuwait in 1969, it said.

The newly-ordered station will be completed by June, 1981, NEC said. The contract value will be paid in cash in the Kuwaiti currency, it said.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	290.50/292.50	French franc	71.90/72.30
U.K. sterling	688.80/692.80	Dutch guilder	152.50/153.40
West German mark	167.00/168.00	Swedish crown	70.50/70.90
Swiss franc	182.40/183.50	Belgium franc	104.10/104.70
Italian lire		Japanese yen	
(for every 100)	35.00/35.20	(for every 100)	132.60/133.40

Iran seizes W. German, Swiss drug industries

FRANKFURT, July 9 (R)—Iran has taken over West German pharmaceutical companies operating in the country, blocking access to their bank accounts and storehouses, the German pharmaceutical industry federation said today. Well informed industry sources said five West German companies and one Swiss were involved.

A federation spokesman said it was not clear whether the firms had been nationalised or confiscated. There had been no prior consultation, and the action contravened a 1965 treaty providing for the mutual protection of capital funds held by Iran and Germany.

The German directorate of the pharmaceutical firms had been replaced by Iranian nationals and

in some cases German personnel had been forbidden to enter their company premises.

A spokesman for Hoechst said the Iranian Revolutionary Council last month threatened nationalisation of any foreign-owned companies where production was falling.

In Tehran, informed sources said four joint-venture pharmaceutical firms involving West German companies had been told by the Iranian government that it had appointed new boards to manage them.

The notification, in a letter from the ministry of industry and mines, was the first indication that nationalisation of the firms, decided by the revolutionary council in June, was being put into effect.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, July 9 (R)—Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar, trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets.

One sterling	2.3725/35	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.1449/52	Canadian dollar	
	1.7400/10	West German	
	1.9005/15	Dutch guilder	
	1.5930/50	Swiss franc	
	27.86/89	Belgian franc	
	4.0380/0400	French franc	
	828.30/80	Italian lire	
	218.10/25	Japanese yen	
	4.1130/40	Swedish crown	
	4.7995/8005	Norwegian	
	5.3805/15	Danish krone	
One ounce of gold	562.00/664.00	U.S. dollar	

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are now in a good position to improve relationships with others by extending some courtesy or kindness. Be sure to carry through with plans you have made.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Situations arise that give you a better picture of your relationships with associates. Show others you have wisdom.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan how to establish more harmony with co-workers and everything will work out better in the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure that you are handling financial matters wisely. Spare time should be spent at amusements with congenials.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Try to give more thought to home improvements and increase harmony with close ties. Express happiness.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Don't invest more money than you can afford in a new enterprise or you could regret it later. Don't neglect to pay your bills.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Look into the details of a financial matter and be sure you understand thoroughly. Sidestep a troublesome situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study details of your business affairs and correct possible errors. Business affairs are running smoothly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Gain favors from friends since they are in a fine mood for such now the evening a happy one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are of gaining aims that are vital to your existence. Study every angle involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Put your all work and make a fine impression on higher-ups. Happiness with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan to meet persons who can help you advance in career in Avoid heavy expenditures of money.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Ideal day to keep plans made and clear the slate, be it in business or person. Not a good day to take risks.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You need to be careful as you are not too fixed and determined in your views today and tonight or you could encounter more trouble than you bargained for.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't be forceful with people who disagree with your views. Come to a better accord with co-workers. Be wise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Listening to suggestions and associates is wise now and be sure to cooperate more with them. Try to be helpful to others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Schedule your work activities wisely and then carry through with them in a steady manner. Don't waste time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You may want to have a good time now, but it's to your best interest to save money now instead of spending it.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have to be diplomatic at times today to avoid trouble. Study a new project well as it is bound to have some flaws.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be tactful with others so they don't take their ire out on you. Avoid a tendency to argue when you can't afford it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have to be careful in handling of investments and other financial matters avoid trouble at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be more thoughtful of others in going after your aims and avoid unpleasantness. Use steps to improve your health.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep personal affairs to yourself since others have their own problems to think about. Think constructively.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take advantage of an opportunity coming your way that could give you added time. Strive for happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study new activities that interest you early in the day but don't make decisions until the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put off until tomorrow an activity that is concerned with improving your welfare. Take positive steps to gain your goals.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Draws for three European soccer cups encourage major competitors

ZURICH, July 9 (R) -- The fates smiled on all the big names when the draws for the three European soccer cup competitions were made here today.

England's Nottingham Forest, seeking their third successive win in the premier trophy, the European Cup, start their campaign in Bulgaria against CSKA Sofia on September 17 and should clinch their place in the next round in the second leg in Nottingham two weeks later.

Arch rival Liverpool, the English champions and winners in 1977 and 1978 should also experience little difficulty in disposing of Finnish champions Palloseura Oulu.

Real Madrid, who lost their chance of a seventh success in this competition when they were beaten by West Germany's Hamburg in last season's semi-finals, will also have few sleepless nights before facing lowly Limerick of Eire.

Three other former winners should also reach the second round with differing degrees of difficulty.

West Germany's Bayern Munich will not relish their first leg journey to Greece for their meeting with Olympiakos. The big danger to Bayern will be international striker Elias "Mike" Galakos, who made his name playing for Fortuna Dusseldorf in West Germany.

Gulakov was transferred home in 1973 but injuries and a spell in the army restricted his appearances to reserve football. In 1976 he made his first team return and celebrated by scoring three goals in the Greek Cup semi-final.

Dutch champions Ajax can also expect a hot reception in Albania against the little known Dinamo Tirana. Ajax's hopes of adding to their 1971-72-73 cup wins will not be helped by the loss of the inspirational Ruud Krol who is joining Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American soccer league.

Italy's Inter Milan should have an easier start in their bid to repeat former glories.

Inter lifted the European Cup in 1964 and 1965 due mainly to magical midfielder Sandro Mazzola, now their manager. The Milan club start with a home game against Romania's Universitatea Craiova.

The dark horses of the tournament could be Belgian champions Bruges, runners-up to Liverpool in 1977, who meet Swiss club Basle.

Three members of the Bruges side, Walter Meeuws, Rene Vandereycken and Jan Ceulemans were in the Belgian side that

went down 2-1 to West Germany in the European championship last month and Ceulemans, in particular, could be the sensation of the tournament.

In the Cup Winners' Cup holders Valencia of Spain meet Monaco who could spring a surprise if striker Alain Couriol hits top form.

European Football Union (UEFA) Cup holders Eintracht Frankfurt of West Germany start their defence with a difficult game in the Soviet Union against Shakhter Donetsk.

ITF changes Davis Cup to two-tier system

VIENNA, July 9, (R) -- The International Tennis Federation (ITF) today adopted a proposal to change the Davis Cup into a two-tier competition with a 16-nation top group and the rest playing in zones.

The annual general meeting of the ITF here approved the new proposal, which was submitted by the ITF management committee, by 35 votes to 13.

An ITF spokesman said the meeting also approved China's readmission into the federation in principle, and that discussions were going on with Taiwan.

Under the new Davis Cup format the world's top 16 tennis nations will meet in a knock-out tournament every year, while the rest will battle it out in zoned groups for promotion to the premier division.

Four teams -- two European, an Asian and an American -- will be promoted to the top group and four relegated each year.

The ITF hopes it will make the competition more interesting for the major tennis powers, giving them more varied competition, while giving more incentive to the others.

The top eight teams will be seeded which should prevent the strongest teams meeting each other in the first round, as has happened in the past. Other advantages of the new system are that it will be played in a single calendar year and will occupy only four weeks.

Austria submitted a compromise proposal based on the world soccer cup tournament with the winners of 16 zonal groups going through to the finals. This was rejected by the meeting. Australia felt the present scheme was satisfactory.

Selection to the top group for 1981 will be based on performances in this year's tournament, meaning that the four semi-finalists from the European zones and the Asian and American semi-finalists will go in.

Seeding in the first year will be on merit and in subsequent years based on the results in the previous year's competition.

THE Daily Crossword

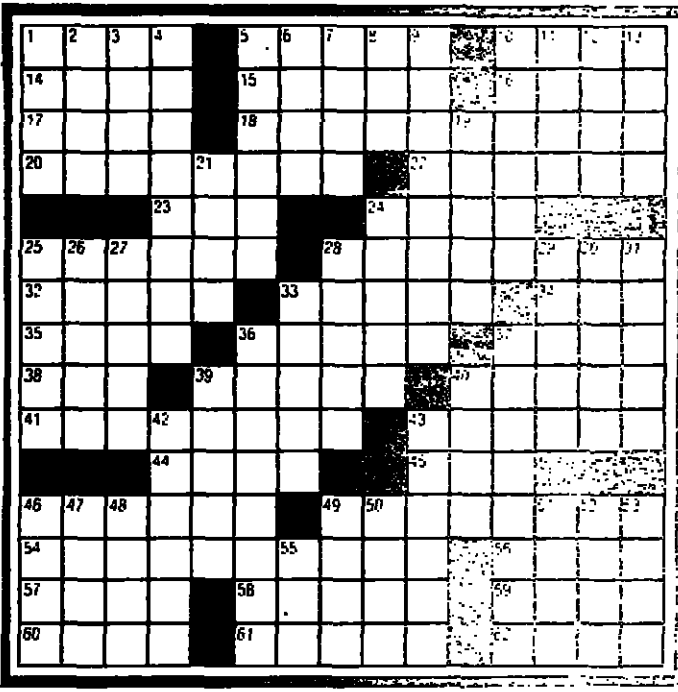
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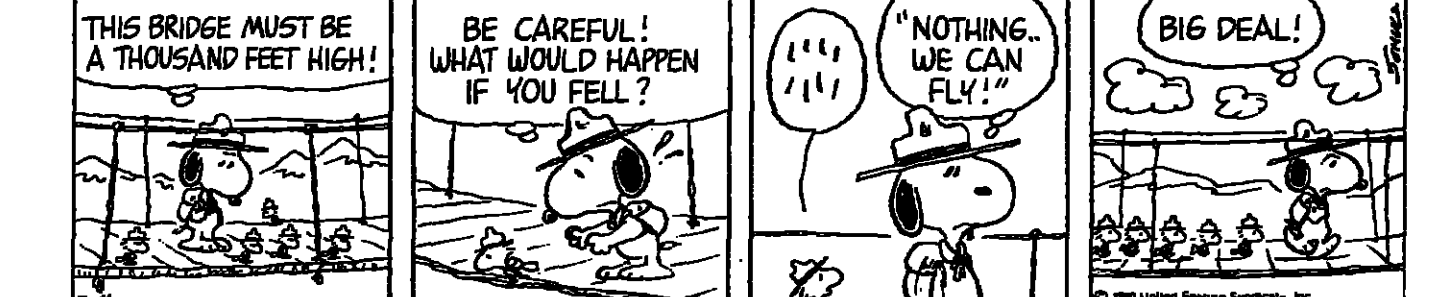
found the best opening lead of a trump. Declarer won in dummy and played ace, king and another spade. East stuffed a diamond as West won and continued a trump. Declarer won in dummy and led the last spade. East again discarded a diamond and declarer ruffed with his last trump, the king.

Now declarer had to get back to dummy to draw the last trump and take the club finesse, but the only possible entry was via a diamond ruff. Unfortunately, East was able to ruff the second diamond for down one.

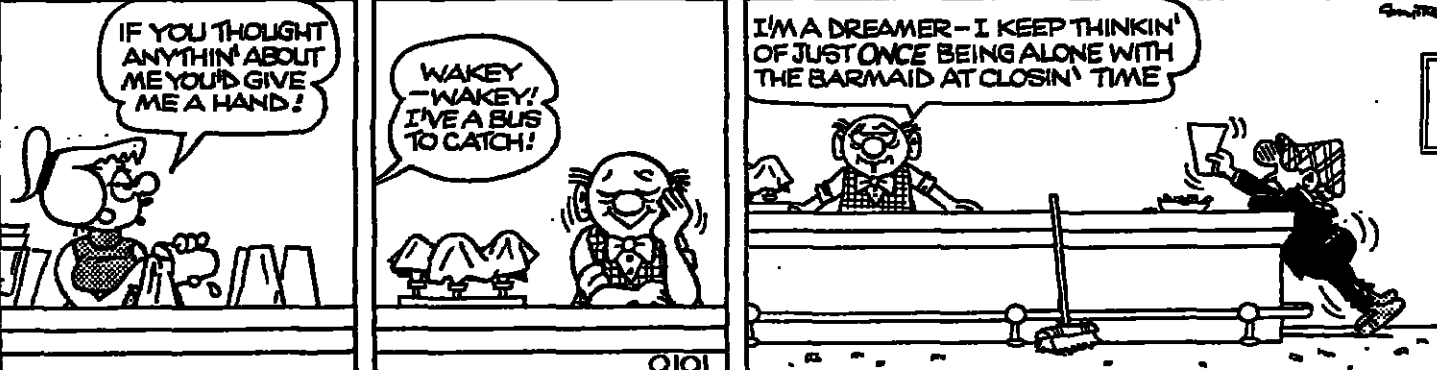
Note that declarer could have made his contract by taking the club finesse early. However, we can't fault him for not adopting that line -- in some variations the diamond suit might provide a discard, which obviates the need for the club finesse. No, declarer's error was slightly more subtle than that.

Declarer should provide early in the play for a means to get back to the table. After cashing the ace-king of spades, and before leading a third round of the suit, declarer should cash the ace-king of diamonds. Now, after ruffing the fourth spade, he will be able to enter dummy by ruffing a diamond high. Since the queen of diamonds falls on this trick, the club finesse now becomes unnecessary.

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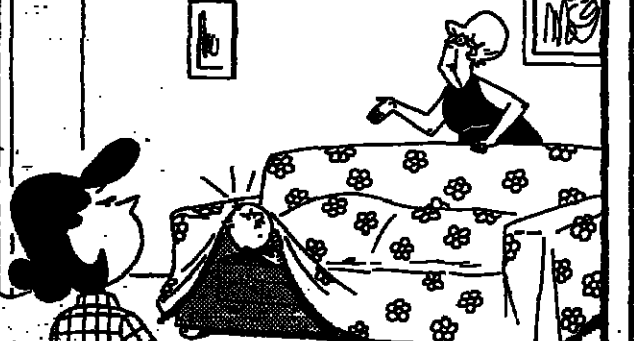
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U.S. seeks allies' reaction on Moscow arms talk offer

WASHINGTON, July 9 (R) — In a move that could lead to direct talks with Moscow, the United States is polling its allies' views on the new Soviet offer to discuss limitations on medium-range missiles, administration officials said yesterday.

U.S. ambassadors will be asking the governments of the 14 other North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries for

reactions to the proposals made by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev at a summit last week with West German Chancellor Helmut

Schmidt, the officials said.

In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* today reaffirmed the offer that talks on curbing medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe could take place despite the U.S. failure so far to ratify the second Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

The Carter administration was weighing the implications of the Brezhnev offer, and after hearing the reactions of its NATO partners, might approach Moscow directly in the next few weeks, officials said.

"There is no stall. There is an effort to make a move in the near future," an official said.

Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said yesterday that Mr. Brezhnev's latest position was a change in policy from previous insistence that NATO abandon plans to update missiles in Europe before mutual curbs could be discussed.

"We may have something underway, but I do not mean -- and I would not want -- to raise expectations about that possibility," he told the Foreign Policy Association in New York.

He added: "There has been a change. What it forecasts is very difficult at the moment to judge."

West European diplomats said, in view of the forthcoming U.S. and West German general elections, they did not expect the western alliance to respond too hastily to the Soviet probe.

The diplomats said they believed from the Soviet point of view, negotiations with Washington would not be practical until it is clear who is elected president this November.

Thorn pledges new efforts on energy

STRASBOURG, France, July 9 (R) — Mr. Gaston Thorn, president of the European Common Market Ministerial Council, has pledged renewed efforts to tackle the energy crisis and support the Third World.

In the coming decade the nine-nation Community should work on converting power stations from oil to coal and on building new nuclear and coal-fired stations, Mr. Thorn said.

He was addressing the European parliament yesterday, a week after taking up the office, on his plans for the six-month incumbency.

Mr. Thorn also said the Community should seek balance in the energy sector through talks with oil-producing countries, especially for the benefit of Third World states on the threshold of development.

Mr. Thorn pledged priority to relations between the Common Market and developing countries, both those with which it has cooperation agreements and in general through the North-South dialogue.



Gaston Thorn

He said the continued presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan threw a shadow over September's Madrid meeting on security and cooperation in Europe, reviewing the 1975 Helsinki accord.

The partial withdrawal announced last month would be a step in the right direction if confirmed, Mr. Thorn said.

"Nevertheless only a total withdrawal would allow a return to a situation which is morally and legally correct," he said.

Mr. Thorn urged that decisions on the EEC's 1981 budget should be used to make a start on achieving a better balance in Community spending -- an implicit reference to the 72 per cent share of expenditure taken by the controversial Common Agricultural Policy.

The EEC Commission is due to finalise its initial draft 1981 budget today.

European Parliament will not debate French bomb

STRASBOURG, France, July 9 (R) — The European Parliament today rejected a bid by Socialist members to debate France's development of the neutron bomb.

British member Mr. Barry Seal put forward a resolution condemning the French action. He appealed for a debate saying he assumed the weapon would be in production before the assembly next meets in September.

French Liberal Mr. Yves Galland maintained that the issue was not within the parliament's authority because the European Common Market's founding Treaty of Rome excludes defence matters.

The assembly voted against the leftists' call for a debate and referred the resolution to a committee.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing revealed on June 26 that France had developed the necessary technology to make the neutron bomb.

Mystery disease sweeps through Portuguese maternity hospital

LISBON, July 9 (R) — A killer disease is raging out of control in Portugal's biggest maternity hospital and 25 of about 400 infected babies have died, a senior doctor said.

The mystery disease has been sweeping through Lisbon's Alfredo da Costa Hospital since December. And, according to Dr. Jose Miguel Ramos de Almeida, hospital director of paediatric medicine, it has so far defied all efforts to wipe it out.

Babies normally contract the disease in the first two weeks of life. They suffer acute diarrhoea, followed by dehydration, weight loss, and shock. But the first symptoms are slow to appear and many infected babies have already left the hospital. Doctors say late

treatment diminishes their chance of survival.

Medical staff have traced the origin of the disease to the hospital's emergency unit operating theatre, where most of the early cases were delivered by forceps. Infected babies are isolated in special wards which are constantly swabbed with disinfectant. But Dr. Ramos de Almeida said: "There is an undetectable risk that the disease may spread to other hospitals."

Health authorities are unable to close down the Alfredo da Costa complex to carry out complete sterilisation because, they say, other hospitals in the capital would break down under the resulting overload of patients.

The Alfredo da Costa handles about two-thirds of all births in Lisbon and accepts high-risk maternity cases from all over Portugal.

A public scare has developed over the disease. Some mothers are refusing to have their babies at the hospital and Dr. Ramos de Almeida said at least one home birth has resulted in a child developing permanent brain damage.

Laboratory tests have not yet revealed whether the disease is caused by a virus or bacteria. But Dr. Ramos de Almeida says he is convinced that severe overcrowding at the hospital is at the root of the problem.

"When the hospital was built 60 years ago it was designed to handle 4,000 births a year. Now it has to cope with 13,500," he said.

Many of the overcrowded hospital's installations are outdated and inadequate. Wooden stairs and dingy corridors with peeling paint provide strong breeding ground for germs.

More than 170 infected babies have so far been treated at a Lisbon children's hospital where the chief paediatrician, Dr. Fernando Sabido, said:

"We have about 30 admissions a month showing signs of the mysterious illness. The number isn't going up or down."

Doctors hope the Alfredo da Costa crisis will force the government to spend more on Portugal's shoe-string health service. "We have always pleaded for facilities for patients but we still have not got what we really need," said Dr. Sabido. "All the government gives us is promises."

Ohira memorial service

TOKYO, July 9 (R) — Japan today paid its last tribute to Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira in a dignified memorial service attended by President Carter, Chinese Prime Minister Hua Guofeng, and other foreign leaders.

More than 6,000 people dressed in mourning black took part in the non-denominational ceremony at the huge octagonal Budokan Martial Arts Hall in the moated grounds of the imperial palace.

Headed by Mr. Ohira's widow Shigeko and acting Prime Minister Masayoshi Ito, they faced a colour photograph of the late prime minister measuring some four metres by two.

Mr. Hiroshi Ohira, son of the former head of government who was struck down by a heart attack on June 12, carried the casket containing his father's ashes to the altar before the hall rose for a minute of silence.

This was followed by the recorded voice of Mr. Ohira making a policy speech in parliament last year and then speaking in English on the White House lawn in Washington on May 1.

While an orchestra played solemn western funeral music, Japanese participants and foreign guests moved forward to place sprigs of white carnations on the altar and to bow before Mr. Ohira's funeral urn.

Bilateral political and diplomatic contacts here today and tomorrow -- including a first-ever meeting between Mr. Hua and President Carter tomorrow morning -- have concentrated so far on the situation in Afghanistan after the Soviet military intervention and in Indochina after Vietnam's move into Kampuchea and along the borders with Thailand.

Kennedy loses in attempt to free Carter delegates

WASHINGTON, July 9 (R) — Senator Edward Kennedy has lost a procedural battle at the Democratic Party's Rules Committee in his efforts to keep alive his presidential hopes.

The Massachusetts Democrat wanted to change the party's traditional convention rules so he could try to attract delegates pledged to President Carter. But the committee yesterday rejected his proposal by 87 votes to 65.

Mr. Carter has about 2,000 delegates pledged to him, with only 1,600 needed to gain the Democratic nomination. Under party rules, those delegates are required to vote for Mr. Carter on the first ballot at the convention. Mr. Kennedy wanted to change

the rules so the delegates could vote as they wished on the first ballot. Although he lost in the Rules Committee, he received enough votes to bring the argument before the full convention in New York next month.

Mr. Carter's strategists claim that none of his delegates is interested in switching to Mr. Kennedy. But a Kennedy aide said he knew several Carter delegates who would change their votes if they could.

Feuds split Zimbabwe government coalition members

SALISBURY, July 9 (R) — The split between Zimbabwe's restive coalition partners worsened today with a bitter personal attack on one of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's cabinet appointees by the Patriotic Front (PF) party of Home Affairs Minister Joshua Nkomo.

The criticism was of Finance Minister Enos Nkala, who told a weekend rally he would "crush" Mr. Nkomo, the junior partner in Mr. Mugabe's coalition government.

Mr. Mugabe and Mr. Nkomo were allies during the seven-year bush war that led up to Zimbabwe's independence, but since Mr. Mugabe assumed the prime ministership their alliance has been uneasy and there are fears of a damaging split between them.

The PF statement referred to Senator Nkala as a "disaster to the nascent republic of Zimbabwe," a "political and physical draft," and a "warmonger."

The statement said: "The PF must work together in government as they worked together in the armed liberation struggle

Strauss to Giscard: 'No 2-state union'

WUERZBURG, West Germany, July 9 (R) — Opposition leader Franz Josef Strauss told French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing today West Germany and France should not build their partnership against the United States.

In a speech welcoming the visiting French head of state to Bavaria, Mr. Strauss, who is the state's conservative premier, said the Franco-German relationship could not be "a two-state union against a wider European association or confronting the United States."

Painting a sombre picture of the world situation, Mr. Strauss said: "You, Mr. President, began your visit to the Federal Republic by saying that Europe's world role should be restored."

"Today, neither a single state nor the addition of several states can provide the necessary basis. What we need is rather a real increase in power," the conservative leader said.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing called on Monday for a "strongly independent Europe to act for its own ends in world affairs."

But apparently sensing that his appeal might jar the pro-American sensibilities of West German leaders, he pledged France's loyalty to the Atlantic Alliance.

Mr. Strauss, chairman of the Christian Social Union (CSU), is running for chancellor in next October's national elections on a platform which criticises Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government for weakening the alliance with Washington.

232 purged from S. Korea government

SEOUL, July 9 (R) — The South Korean government said senior public officials, including a cabinet minister, six vice and three provincial governors, had been sacked on corruption and other irregularities.

A statement from the Special Committee for National Measures, a military-dominated body coordinating political law authorities and the civilian cabinet, named 15 of the said were under investigation to answer possible criminal charges. The cabinet minister was not named.

The committee said some of those under investigation were suspected of making illegal fortunes by abusing power.

It said the dismissal of senior officials was part of the government's "purification" drive aimed at eradicating official corruption and irregularities with a view to "safeguarding the state, protecting the survival of the people and ensuring social stability."

Six die in stadium crush waiting to welcome Pope

FORTALEZA, Brazil, July 9 (R) — At least six people were killed and up to 100 injured in a crush today at a football stadium where crowds were gathering to welcome Pope John Paul, police sources said.

Five of the victims were trampled to death and the sixth died of a heart attack, they said.

The accident happened as thousands of people tried to enter the Castelao football stadium before the gates had been opened. The stadium has a capacity of 150,000.

The Pope was arriving in Fortaleza today on the 10th day of his triumphal tour of Brazil.

After addressing its citizens in the stadium, he was due to celebrate mass at the start of the Brazilian Roman Catholic Church's Eucharistic Congress.

Yesterday the Pope visited a leper colony at Marituba, near the

city of Belem, and the

an open mass in a mobile, waving his enthusiastic crowds of about one million per

After spending the night in the stadium, the Pope will major address to the Conference of Bishops which is led by a "pn majority seeking structural reforms."

The Pope has voiced the conference's call for justice, but is anxious the church out of polit expected to lay down guidelines for the bishop they can go in taking action on behalf of

Fortaleza, an important port, is capital of the state and has a population of million.

Some among Arizona desert survivors may be smugglers

TUCSON, Arizona, July 9 (R) — Two of 14 illegal immigrants who survived the blistering heat of the Arizona desert without water, and one of 13 who died, may have been border smugglers, according to a sheriff's spokesman.

The spokesman emphasised late last night that no charges had been made and the investigation was still in a preliminary stage.

Thirteen members of a party of illegal immigrants from El Salvador, including nine women and a 13-year-old boy, died in the Arizona desert last weekend after being smuggled across the border from Mexico.

Border patrols and police rescue teams quoted survivors as saying they were robbed by smugglers who abandoned them

in the desert without water in temperatures hovering around 49 degrees Centigrade.

The spokesman said most of the survivors were still in bad shape and not very coherent. "But we are pretty certain no attempt was made to rob the party," he said.

He said sheriff's deputies were investigating the possibility the smugglers became lost themselves.

"The smuggling attempt may have been botched," the spokesman said. "But there is a lot more investigating to be done before we will really know what happened."

The spokesman said one of the survivors who may have been a smuggler was Mexican and the second was from either Mexico or El Salvador.

Dutch collector gets ten-year sentence for war crime

ROTTERDAM, July 9 (R) — A court here today sentenced 81-year-old art collector Pieter Menten to 10 years in jail and fined him 100,000 guilders (about \$50,000), for the wartime murder of Polish Jews.

The verdict climaxed the Netherlands' most remarkable war crimes trial, which centred on the killing in German-occupied eastern Galicia in July 1941 of 20 to 30 inhabitants of the village of Podhorodce.

The prosecution had demanded a 20-year sentence for Mr. Menten, described by his own lawyer as the Netherlands' public enemy number one.

Mr. Menten had conducted most of his defence with a pugnaciousness which belied his age. But he said last week that he had spent his last energies in proclaiming his innocence. "When this trial is over, I shall just collapse," he declared.

Today's verdict of the three-man Rotterdam court is unlikely to end the Menten saga. Justice officials said they expected the losing side to appeal to the Supreme Court, which has already annulled two previous verdicts in this country's most remarkable war crimes trial.

Several past or present residents of Podhorodce -- now part of the Soviet Union -- identified Mr. Menten during the trial here of having directed the massacre, after which the victims were buried in a common grave.

But Mr. Menten insists he was not in Podhorodce at the time and has blamed his younger brother Dirk for the offence. In a dramatic courtroom confrontation with Dirk, 78, in May, he said his prosecution was the result of mistaken identity.

He also accused the Soviet secret police of orchestrating the charge to foment unrest in Dutch society, and said the massacre was carried out by Ukrainians against villagers who had betrayed them.

Defence lawyer Eduard de Liagre Boehl said Mr. Menten was a victim of rumours, which had sprung up because of his

bizarre personality and lifestyle. Mr. Menten, who emerged from the war with a huge art collection, was the man most Dutch people loved to hate, he said.

Referring to Mr. Menten's involvement in a string of scandals and intrigues, Mr. Boehl added: "He is a person with shortcomings and for these shortcomings he has

been punished with the title of public enemy number one."

These scandals have included Mr. Menten's claim that he was promised immunity from prosecution by the Dutch Justice Ministry in the 1950s in return for his silence on a high-level cover-up on police corruption in the German-occupied Netherlands

during the Second World War.

He was jailed for 15 years for the Podhorodce massacre by an Amsterdam court in December 1977, but was freed later on the order of a Hague chamber which accepted the immunity theory. Last September a government commission ruled that the claim was false.

'Will we lose our livelihood?' whalers wond

By Muneaki Morita

TOKYO, July 9 -- Japanese whalers, fighting stubbornly to keep their 1,000-year-old industry alive, will go to this year's International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting more pessimistic than ever before.

After seeing the industry decline in the past decade, the whalers are in no mood for compromise and may press the government to quit the IWC.

"We are more pessimistic than ever before," Mr. Takahiko Takayama, secretary of the Japan Whaling Association (JWA), commented on this month's IWC meeting in the resort town of Brighton on England's south coast.

Mr. Takayama said the meeting, which will run from July 21-26, was expected to be loaded with anti-whaling proposals, from expansion of the Indian Ocean sanctuary to calls for an indefinite moratorium on all whaling.

Because any IWC decision requires the consent of two-thirds of its 23 member countries, the most radical proposals are not expected to be passed. "Proposals of this kind are submitted symbolically to set a trend towards the total abolition of whaling," Mr. Takayama told reporters.

Whaling in Japan has provided an important source of protein for inhabitants of the archipelago, who until about a century ago did not eat land-based mammals for religious reasons. But the industry

has been reduced to a mere trace of what it used to be following pressure from international anti-whaling and conservationist movements.

Conservationists claim that the slaughter of highly intelligent mammals such as whales is a savage act which should be stopped immediately. They also claim that continued whaling operations threaten the extinction of whales as a species.

Japanese whalers argue that their operations are limited to utilizing available "living natural resources" while not endangering any species.

Mr. Takayama said that the people most concerned with whales becoming extinct were whalers themselves, not conservationists, because disappearance of the mammals meant immediate job losses. In an effort to maintain their whaling tradition and keep the Japanese industry alive, the whalers were prepared, if necessary, to press the Japanese government to quit the IWC, he said.

The IWC, established in 1948 to conserve whale stocks, has only 10 member-countries actively engaged in whaling, including Japan, the Soviet Union and

South Korea, which joined two years ago.

Last year, Japan and the Soviet Union, accounting for about three-quarters of the world's catch quotas, were dealt a severe blow at the annual IWC meeting in London. Despite strong opposition from the two countries, the IWC decided to ban factory ship whaling, except for small Minke whales, in addition to establishing a whale sanctuary in the Indian Ocean.

The factory ship ban, described by Japanese whalers as "a suspended ultimatum of our doom," hit the Soviet Union particularly hard because it needed sperm whales to manufacture some cosmetics, soaps and lubricants for delicate machinery.

Before the ban, the Soviet Union was permitted to catch 6,250 sperm whales annually in the Antarctic and the Pacific.

However, Japanese coastal and land-based whalers, which were not subjected to the ban, were given an annual kill quota of 1,350 sperm whales in the north Pacific as well as 460 Bryde's whales and 400 Minke.

But at least one ray of hope has emerged for this country's whalers. An international survey commissioned by the IWC last year said Minke whale stocks in the Antarctic were much larger than originally believed. The finding was accepted by the IWC, which increased the Minke catch quota from 6,221 to 8,102 per season.

Japan's share of the new quota was 3,279, up from 556, which helped offset the loss of the 200 sperm whales it caught in the

Antarctic last season.

Another survey conducted this season has emerged with a similar result, which will be studied in Brighton before next season's quotas are set.

For Japanese whalers, who are under mounting pressure, another problem has come to light which could cause severe repercussions at the Brighton meeting. Earlier this year, it became known that a large stock of Bryde's whale meat had been traded on the Japanese market, immediately leading to suspicions that it had come from Taiwan, which is not a member of the IWC.

Mr. Takayama said that to evade a ban by the IWC as well as Japan on imports of whale products from non-IWC countries, whale meat caught by Taiwan apparently was sent first to South Korea where it was packed and sent to Japan.

The suspicion was backed by the fact that Bryde's whales were traditionally not caught by Koreans and meat marketed in Japan since last year had been frozen, while South Korea normally exported unfrozen meat to Japan, Mr. Takayama said.

Between July, when the ban was imposed, and January, Japan imported 670 tonnes of whale meat from South Korea, of which 695 tonnes were frozen, according to official figures.

At about the time of last year's IWC meeting, conservationists alleged that the *Sierra*, a whaling ship operating under various national flags, had killed more than 500 whales annually for Japan.

The allegation was immediately

denied by the Japanese firm to have bought the meat, damage had been done, as to Japanese whalers who angered by charges of imports.

Modern whaling began 100 years ago, and later factory ships were introduced to Norway, Britain and Holland after World War II, by Japan.

The Japanese industry in the early 1960s, when 15,000 whalers caught 20,000 whales annually in Antarctic and north Pacific whaling jobs for more than a people in Japan.

But, with catch quotas each year, Japan now has a whaling fleet -- a mother of four catchers -- compared to 18 land stations he lived.

This has meant a drastic jobs. The industry now has about 50,000 people, of only 1,300 are involved in whaling.

Japanese demand for meat, which is either broiled or eaten raw, is high.

Aware of this continuing and the loss of jobs, the IWC delegation earlier this year United States, which lead 13-nation non-whaling group the IWC.

JWA Associate Director Hasei, who led the delegation, said: "It was significant that could open a channel with moderate campaigners who organised the necessity to stand Japanese culture and history behind whaling."

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